

INVENTORS' DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design entitled **WAVE SPRING WITH SINGLE SHIM END**, the specification of which:

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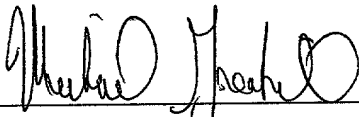
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Michael Greenhill, am Vice President of Engineering of Smalley Steel Ring Company, a Corporation of the State of Delaware ("Assignee"). The Assignee is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application ("the Patent Application") by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the Patent Application. As evidence of this assignment, the Assignee points to the enclosed copy of the Assignment from the inventors to Smalley Steel Ring Company that will be submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the same day that this document is filed.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the Assignee and has full power to grant and revoke powers of attorney.

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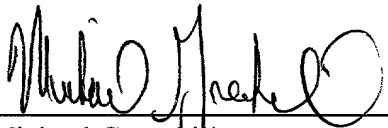
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